

Col James Thomas Lowery, USMC

Col James T. Lowery enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves in 1995. Upon completion of recruit training he was assigned to 4th Landing Support Battalion in Charleston, S.C.

Col Lowery received his commission as a Second Lieutenant of Marines through the Officer Commissioning Program at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. Upon completion of The Basic School and Communications and Information Systems Officers School in 1998, Col Lowery served as the Communications Officer for Marine Wing Support Squadron-274.

He subsequently served as the Communications Officer for 1st Tank Battalion from 2000-2003. During this tour he deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.



He attended Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS) as a student from 2003-2004. During this tour he also completed the Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (C4) Planners course and attained the additional Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of MAGTF Communications Planner.

Col Lowery was then transferred to Joint Communications Support Element (JCSE) where he served as a Planning Team Officer in Charge (OIC) and the Deputy J3 for Plans and Operations. As the Planning Team OIC he oversaw the preparation and deployment of critical communications to support special operations, ensuring the success of JCSE's first-ever deployed Internet Protocol (IP) node. Col Lowery planned and oversaw the installation of a critical gateway in As Sayliyah enabling rapidly deployable communications for Central Command's (CENTCOM) quick reaction force and assisted Special Operations Command Europe (SOCEUR) in planning support to Operation ENDURING FREEDOM TRANS SAHARA (OEF-TS). During his final months in the Command, Col Lowery deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and served as the Communications Officer for the Commanding General of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) X.

Col Lowery was transferred to Quantico, VA. in 2007 and assumed duties for two years as the Command and Control (C2) Systems Officer for EWS. During his final year of this assignment, 2009-2010, he served as a Faculty Advisor for EWS.

In 2010 Col Lowery attended Naval Command and Staff College in Newport, R.I. Upon completion in 2011 he was transferred to 3rd Marine Logistics Group and served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Communications. During this tour he deployed in support of multiple humanitarian relief operations in Thailand and the Philippines.

In 2014 Col Lowery was transferred to United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) at MacDill Air Force Base where he served as the Contingency Operations Branch Chief and the Operations Officer for C4 Enterprise Operations. While assigned to USSOCOM Col Lowery served as the J6 lead to a Joint Planning Group formed to support the establishment of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR), coordinating both US and coalition C4 support for both Joint Interagency Task Force Syria (CJIATF-S) and Special Operations Joint Task Force Iraq (SOJTF-I). Finally he deployed to Qatar and served as the J6 for CJIATF-S where he oversaw the purchase and installation of communications equipment to establish the CJIATF-S

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Headquarters, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Syria (CJSOTF-S) Headquarters, three forward CJIAF-S Headquarters and three New Syrian Force training sites.

In 2016 Col Lowery was transferred to 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., where he served as the Battalion Commander.

Upon completion of command, Col Lowery attended the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL.

From 2019 – 2020, Col Lowery served as the AC/S G6 for MAGTF Training Command in 29 Palms, CA.

Col Lowery has a Masters in Defense and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the Air War College.

Col Lowery's personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award), the Meritorious Service Medal (3rd award), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Col Lowery is currently married to Leigh-Ann Williams Lowery. He has two children James (21) and Coral (19).